



Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge Open House

Saturday, March 15, 2014

Roger Roth Work Center

7:30am – 1:00pm



Free Lunch and Activities Provided

Registration for some tours is required and noted in ***red** font.

Reservations begin March 10th at 10am. Reservations will not be taken early.

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/florida-panther-nwr-open-house-tickets-10556804687>

***BIRD WALK 7:30am – 10:00am**

Spring migration is a great time to see birds. Join former Refuge Manager Jim Krakowski on a bird tour of our public trails. Meet at the Duncan Memorial Trailhead.

***BUGGY TOURS, 8:00, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, & 10:30**

60-minute buggy tours depart the Roger Roth Work Center and travel through cypress swamps and oak hammocks, where you will feel the wilderness all around you.

***SWAMP WALK ORCHID TOURS WITH LARRY RICHARDSON 8:15am, 9:45, & 11:15** Tours take visitors through beautiful swamps (up to three feet deep), so put on your messy gear and come check out the special and rare orchids that call the refuge home!

***NATIVE PLANT IDENTIFICATION WALKS 8:30am & 10:45am**

Take a walk with an accomplished botanist, Mike Barry, as he points out individual plant identifications and discusses forest communities and their relationship to wildlife communities.

FLORIDA PANTHER HABITAT WALK 9:30am-10:30am

Take a walk with Darryl Thomas as he highlights the various ecosystem types, vegetation, and wildlife species one encounters on the refuge.

HAYRIDES 9:30- 12:00

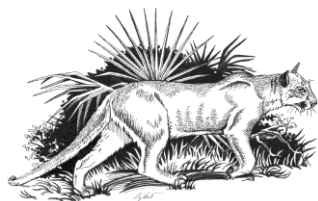
Pile in and take a 60-minute hayride to explore territory not visited by the buggy tours. Keep your eyes open for rare wildlife like Florida panthers. Limited space; no reservations.

OUTDOOR PRESENTATIONS

Free outdoor presentations on Florida panthers will be given throughout the event by a panther biologist.

GUIDED TRAIL WALKS

Refuge Trail Guides will give your family a personalized tour through iconic Florida panther habitats. Look for tracks and scat of FP183, whose territory overlaps the trails!



DIRECTIONS (From Naples): I-75 East toward Ft. Lauderdale. Take Exit 80 (State Road 29) and turn north (left). The **Roger Roth Work Center** is ½ mile north of I-75 on SR29 after the refuge trailhead.

For more information call: (239) 353-8442 x 229 or go to www.fws.gov/floridapanther

Don't Miss This Other Date in March!

NAPLES ZOO "SAVE THE FLORIDA PANTHER DAY" – Saturday, March 1st, 9am–3pm

Panther Biologists, Exhibits, and More!! Come learn about Florida Panthers on the Zoo's Free Saturday for Collier County Residents!